

Grace for Today

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NEXT GATHERING

April 8th

St. Luke's UMC, Kilgore
401 Main

Baby Chick 4:00

Pot Luck 5:00

Worship 6:00

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Walks 80 and 81 are now behind us, and what a wonderful Spirit filled experience for the Pilgrims, Team members, and our entire Community! It seems like just yesterday that we were selecting the Teams and praying for those who ultimately became Pilgrims. Once again, the Lord opened many eyes, including mine, to the awareness and acceptance of His Amazing, Amazing,

love.

I want to thank

everyone who helped in any way to make these Walks a success.

This includes the sponsors, team members, those who prayed, the clergy who kept us centered; those who either created, cooked, or provided the various types of agape for the weekends. I am also thankful for those churches who gave

us their facilities and lunches for all the team meetings. The list is long, and if I've left anyone out, please know that I thank you, too!

As we all know, without the participation of our entire community,

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these Walks would not be possible.

Please remember to mark your calendars for our April Gathering at St. Luke's UMC in Kilgore on the 8th. Babe chick and sponsorship training begins at 4 PM followed by our pot luck supper at 5 and worship and communion at 6. Remember that our Babe Chicks won't be bringing food, so bring lots.

If it's been awhile since you attended sponsorship training, or have never attended this session please feel free to attend with our new 4th Dayers. Sponsorship books will be available for a small donation.

And finally, yes, these Walks are over, but remember that our 4th Day continues every day. So, let's all keep the Spirit burning in our hearts during the next few months as we

attempt to live each day just as Jesus did!

DeColores,

Brett

Welcome

Join me in giving a huge welcome to the newest members of the G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community.

The Men of

Walk #80

John Richard Bradbury
BJ Davis
Martin Dean
Ron Foster
Steven Hammond
Richard Alan Hieber
David Hillman
Bob Holloway
Jacob Kellar
Sean Leick
Monty McRee
Bill Ormand, Bill
Lin Risner
Mike Roberts
Brian Smith
Zack Young

The Women of Walk #81

Denise Smith

Sue Human
Stephaney McQueen
Donna Shomaker
Melody Holly
Baleigh Hall
Tray Phillips
Eleanor Kirk
Bonita Smith
Melissa Grimes
Cathy Mixon
Alice Youngblood
Sarah Cole
Tracey Hall
Teresa Hardman
Regina Shafer
Christy Tiece
Sharron Westbrook
Anna Maples
Kelly Young
Linda Juarez
Sylvia Wedel
Amy Anderson
Guyana Prestley
Sharon Woffard
Renee Rolison
Sharon Pate
D'Ann Tutt

AGAPE

Thank you to all of you who made agape, brought snacks, and served during the Christ dinners. The walks would not be the same without all your thoughtfulness.

Nomination

Interviews will be starting soon for Lay Directors. If you have been a table leader at least 2 times and are interested in being a Lay Director please contact

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Food for Thought

If someone was to tell me a few weeks ago that I was about to have an experience that was more powerful than my original walk, I would have told them it was crazy. But, I would be very wrong. I should have realized this when this whole experience started over a year ago.

The Holy Spirit was so visible. The whole process went so smoothly. Oh, there were some problems, but God worked them out without fail.

Team formation and training were such a blessing. We only lost 2 team members over the process both for family issues. This was a first in my experience. I was so sorry that Melissa Urban and Laura Resler had to drop, but God brought us Mary Lewis and Betty Buchanan.

Praise God for blessing us with such wonderful servants in the G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community. I know I am biased, but I was so happy to be able to have my daughter Ashton in the conference room as an Asst. Table Leader. This was something that I had dreamed about since I had the blessing of serving with me when I was a Lay Director for a Chrysalis Flight.

The ALD were so good as to make sure that I had nothing to do but enjoy the experience. This gave me the time to get to interact with all the pilgrims. Your openness was so wonderful. Watching the table discussions, seeing your artist renditions, skits, and interactions was amazing.

Also, you all were so attentive to the speakers. I could really see you soaking in the experience. The Holy Spirit was so present in all the walk.

From the start of the preparation, I felt God telling me that we were going to have a young conference room. This happened with 3 pilgrims under 25, and 2 members of the team under 25. I put the two youngest pilgrims with the oldest, with Ashton as the asst. table leader. Watching the respect that was shown at that table with them reminded me of how much we can learn by interaction between the

generations.

Closing was wonderful and I know the community was blessed by your comments.

All of this was wonderful, but it was what happened after I got home. I have heard from so many of the pilgrims and how the walk had affected them. Also, the stories that I have heard about how the tables are still communicating.

Yes, being lay director is a lot of hard work, but it is worth every moment. Thank you so much for the trust giving to me by the G.R.A.C.E. Community for the opportunity to be a part of the best walk ever.

Lisa Palomaria

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Won't you help us by donating funds for scholarships for both Pilgrims and team members, or the general fund of our community? We are asking you to consider donate \$5, \$10, \$25 monthly or whatever amount you would like to set the donation to. This monthly donation will be debited automatically from your bank account on or about the 15th of the month.

**Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community.
DeColores**

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